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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR**
 9 **THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 HOUTAN PETROLEUM, INC.) CASE NO. 07-CV-5627 SC
 11 Plaintiff,)
 12 vs.) PLAINTIFF, HOUTAN PETROLEUM, INC.'S,
 13 CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, a Texas) OPPOSITION TO CONOCOPHILLIPS
 14 Corporation and DOES 1 through 10,) COMPANY'S MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 4
 15 Inclusive)
 16 Defendants.) RE: EXCLUSION OF LAY OPINION AND
) CONCLUSION TESTIMONY BY PLAINTIFF'S
) EMPLOYEES
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17 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

18 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff and Counter-Defendant, Houtan Petroleum, Inc.
 19 ("Houtan Petroleum"), hereby opposes Motion In Limine No. 4, filed by Defendant and Counter-
 20 Plaintiff, ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips") as follows:

21 ConocoPhillips has filed its Motion in Limine No. 4 seeking an precluding plaintiff's current
 22 or past employees, including Ed Haddad, from testifying at trial to any opinions or conclusions.

23 Plaintiff opposes such Motion as follows.

24 ConocoPhillips' instant Motion is confusing, but seems to be limited to excluding opinion
 25 testimony from witnesses who have not been designated as experts under Rule 26 regarding the value
 26 of the subject property.

27 If this is what the Motion seeks to exclude, Plaintiff concedes that expert opinion testimony
 28 should be excluded on the issue of value of the property from any witness who was not designated

1 as an expert under Rule 26.

2 Respectfully submitted,

3 Dated: February 4, 2008

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